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Re: Public Hearing Docket No. 2012-218-E SCE&G

To Whom it may concern,

According to the notice I received, SCE&G has applied for another rate increase in it's retail electric rates. SCE&G have gone up on their rates four times in the last two years.

We had our completely dependent electric, energy efficient home built in 2010. We had the latest energy efficient windows and doors installed, extra insulation in the exterior walls as well as interior and attic. We went to all CFL light bulbs even though they take a while to light up the rooms, and wrapped the hot water heater with an insulation jacket. We had a 14 Seer (31/2 ton) air conditioning unit installed when we built our 2600 sqft. home. We were informed it would be more than enough to heat and cool our home. We did not installed programmable thermostats but, we set them to 75 degrees in the summer and 68 in the winter. We even had an SCE&G representative come to home in hopes of them showing us other ways to save our electric bill. The only two things that were mentioned by the representative were completed a week after the walk through was conducted. (Adding insulation to the attic pull down door and insulating the storage door.)

SCE&G informs their customers on how to reduce your electric bills but yet they continually request rate increases which does nothing but offset all the additional things we have done to reduce our bill. Please, **register my protest** on approving another rate hike on our electric bills.

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